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April 16, 2003

Janice Bivens  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
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Re: Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(e) of  
CERCLA (42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(2))  
Gulfco Marine Maintenance, Inc.  
Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

Dear Ms. Bivens:

We represent Hercules Offshore Corporation, a Texas Corporation with principal offices at 2929 Briarpark, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042 (the "Company").

By notice dated March 25, 2003 you served the Company's Registered Agent with Notice of Potential Liability and CERCLA 104(e) Information Request ("Information Request").

The Information Request names an entity known as Hercules Offshore Corporation as a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) in the above matter. We understand from the facts set forth in the Information Request that certain hazardous substances were released into the environment ("Releases") at the site identified in the Information Request (the "Site"). The Site comprises 40 acres of land in Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas and the Releases took place between 1971 and 1979.

Please be advised that our client, Hercules Offshore Corporation, was incorporated on March 23, 2001, as shown by the attached copy of its Certificate of Incorporation. Our client does not have offices at, and has never operated or transacted business on, the Site. Furthermore, our client has no corporate relationship with any of the companies listed in your enclosure A.

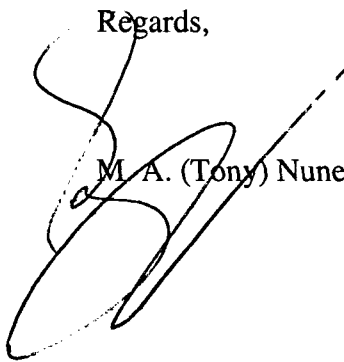
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Our client has therefore been incorrectly named as a PRP in your Information Request. Accordingly, on behalf of our client, we request that it be dismissed as a PRP in this matter.

Regards,



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